I ALWAYS PONDERED.
WHEN I WAS WAITING FOR DAD WHEN I WAS LITTLE,
A LONG TIME AGO THERE WAS A GUY WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH A ZOMBIE.
HEY, INUKAMI. THIS IS JUST SELF-CENTERED RAMBLING, BUT...
BUT...
I KNEW DAD WOULD NO LONGER RETURN.
OF COURSE, HE KNEW FROM THE START THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY BE BROKEN UP, BUT THIS GUY DIDN'T REGRET IT.
THE TIME THEY SPEND TOGETHER WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE BITTERNESS OF BEING TORN APART.
THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, SURELY--

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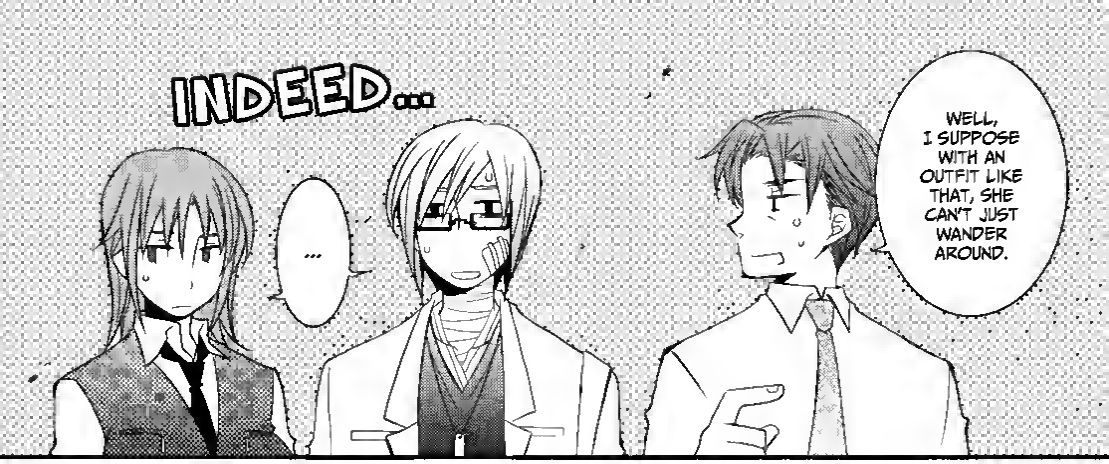
WAIT, INUKAMI'S GONE?!
She wasn't even listening
EHH?!
WHAA! WHAT TIMING!!
MASA-HIRO-
He's slow
WHAT IS THIS?!
A- ANYWAY, I DON'T THINK SHE'S GONE VERY FAR, SO LET'S SPLIT UP AND SEARCH.
S- SOUNDS GOOD!
HE DODGED THAT ONE.
WELL... I JUST THOUGHT MY OWN STORY WOULD OPEN INUKAMI'S HEART.
SO, WHILE YOU WERE TELLING A STORY ABOUT YOURSELF, RIKA-SAN DISAPPEARED AGAIN?!


INDEED...
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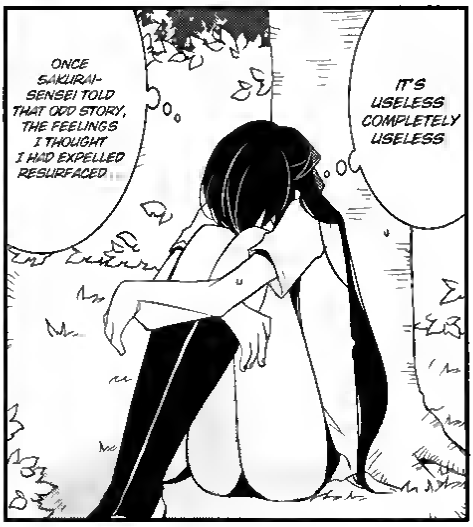
WELL, I SUPPOSE WITH AN OUTFIT LIKE THAT, SHE CAN'T JUST WANDER AROUND.

CERTAINLY... IF KANEWO-SENSEI HADN'T BECOME A ZOMBIE, I DON'T THINK WE COULD HAVE HAD THIS TIME TOGETHER.


ONCE SAKURAI-SENSEI TOLD THAT ODD STORY, THE FEELINGS I THOUGHT I HAD EXPELLED RESURFACED...
IT'S USELESS COMPLETELY USELESS

THAT KIND OF SUGARCOATING JUST DOESN'T CUT IT IN THE REAL WORLD!!
This must be from childhood trauma!!
Aah!
BUT THAT'S JUST SOPHISTRY! I JUST CAN'T STAND THE IDEA OF THOSE IN LOVE SUDDENLY BEING TORN APART!

THAT BLOOMER GIRL--
Idiot.
Just not so hard that I die...
AFTER ALL THIS, I JUST HAVE TO TEMPORARILY ERASE THESE MEMORIES! IF I JUST KNOCK OUT THESE FEMININE NOTIONS FROM MY BRAIN...
Rock
I'M A TREE...
TREE...
WHY NOT GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
WHEN I EAT I CAN'T TASTE ANYTHING AND IT PISSES ME OFF...
WHAT?
THERE'S ANOTHER BLOOMER PERSON BESIDES ME?
IT'S HER FAULT THAT MY TONGUE HURTS SO MUCH.
YOU'RE STILL WORKED UP OVER THAT?
WHAA! IT'S THE TWO GUYS FROM BEFORE!!

JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT IT UP--
THEY'VE PASSED...
BETTER NOT TO HAVE MESSED WITH A GIRL LIKE THAT
"LIKE THAT"?
WALKING AROUND TOWN IN BLOOMERS IS STRANGE ENOUGH,
AND THAT BOW WAS WEIRD TOO.
YES, DON'T TALK TO A WOMAN LIKE THAT.
AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT--
HER CHEST WAS A REAL WASHBOARD, WASN'T IT?
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UM, EXCUSE ME.
A ROCK WOULD BE BAD SO I'LL HIT THEM WITH--
THAT'S ABOUT ENOUGH!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THEY'RE NORMAL-SIZED!
YEAH, THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.

KANEWO-SENSEI?!
He wants to play catch in a place like this?
WHAT?
EXCUSE ME, COULD I HAVE A BIT OF YOUR TIME?
UMM... JUST NOW... THERE WAS A GIRL IN BLOOMERS.. MAYBE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING..
WHY IS KANEWO-SENSEI HERE?
...DID SAKURAI-SENSEI CALL HIM?
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UH...
I SAID I AM NOT A WASH-BOARD!!
How can you say that in front of a teacher?!
WHAT? YOU MEAN WASHBOARD BLOOMER GIRL?
YOU SEE, I'M LOOKING FOR THAT GIRL

ARGH, HE'S CONFIRMING WITHOUT HESITATION?!
SO YOU KNOW THAT GIRL...
BLUNT
THA- THAT'S PROBABLY HER.
Wash-board?
HUH?
THIS GUY
NO, THEY'RE NORMAL, AND I'M STILL GROWING...
I DON'T KNOW ANY GIRL LIKE THAT...
BUT YOU JUST SAID...
SOR-RY
IS A ZOMBIE?

JUST AS I THOUGHT. WHEN YOU GO OUT AS A ZOMBIE THEY GIVE YOU THESE TAGS.
AHH.
HEY, IT'S TRUE.
UM... PLEASE STOP...
WHY'S A ZOMBIE WANDERING AROUND LOOKING FOR A WOMAN?
I... UM... I'M WITH THE SCHOOL
IS THAT SO?
A ZOMBIE WITH THE SCHOOL? WHAT'S THAT?
No such thing
ANYWAY, THESE DAMN CORPSES HAVE BEEN BUTTING IN TOO MUCH LATELY, YOU KNOW?
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...
...
THERE WERE SOME AT MY LAST JOB, AND IT WAS SO ANNOYING USE THEM A LITTLE AND THEY START FALLING APART.
JUST LOOK AT THEM. THEIR EXISTENCE IS PITIFUL...
IF THEY FELT THINGS LIKE US THEY WOULDN'T GET TO BE IN THAT SORT OF SHAPE--

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GYAA!

YOU TWO, STOP THIS AT ONCE!
WH--
WHO IS IT?

ARE YOU OK?!
EH? WAI... WHAT? HEY...

I'M TELLING YOU
TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY MORE ABUSIVE REMARKS!!
REALLY, WHO ARE YOU?!

RIKA-SAN!!
HEY, IT'S THAT BLOOMER GIRL FROM BEFORE!!
NO... YOU'RE WRONG! I- I'M NOT BLOOMER GIRL, AND I'M NOT RIKA EITHER!!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU'RE WEARING BLOOMERS!
ANYWAY, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I'M THIS OR THAT! IF YOU CONTINUE THIS VILIFICATION .. I'M A THIRD-DAN IN KARATE, GET IT? THIS PASSER-BY WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!!
Why's she so fiery?
SO, DO YOU GET IT?!
JEEZ, YOU'VE REALLY GOT TO BE CRAZY TO HANG OUT WITH A STUPID ZOMBIE.
A STIFF LIKE HIM--
SHUT UP!
DON'T SAY ANOTHER BAD THING ABOUT SENSEI!!

JUST BECAUSE HIS BODY IS DEAD DOESN'T MEAN HIS HEART IS!
Loud.
WHAT DO YOU TWO EVEN KNOW ABOUT HIM?!
HE HAD HIS REASONS FOR BE-COMING A ZOMBIE!!
BEING A ZOMBIE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING, SO--
AND WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW HAS ME TWICE AS PISSED AS I WAS BEFORE!
GAH, YOUR WHINING'S BEEN ANNOYING FOR A LONG TIME, YOU STUPID WOMAN!!
RIKA-SAN!!

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UWA..
UH..
DON'T FEEL PAIN, BUT THEY USUALLY TRY TO AVOID ATTACKING HUMANS.
ZOM-BIES..
HERE AND NOW, YOU JUST MIGHT PUSH ME TOO FAR.
BUT IF IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF PROTECTING SOMEONE DEAR TO THEM, IT'S A DIFFERENT CASE.
I THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE SCARS FROM THIS...
THIS IS ABSURD! LET'S GO ALREADY.
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IT'S A HOR ROR!
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RI-RIKA-SAN?!
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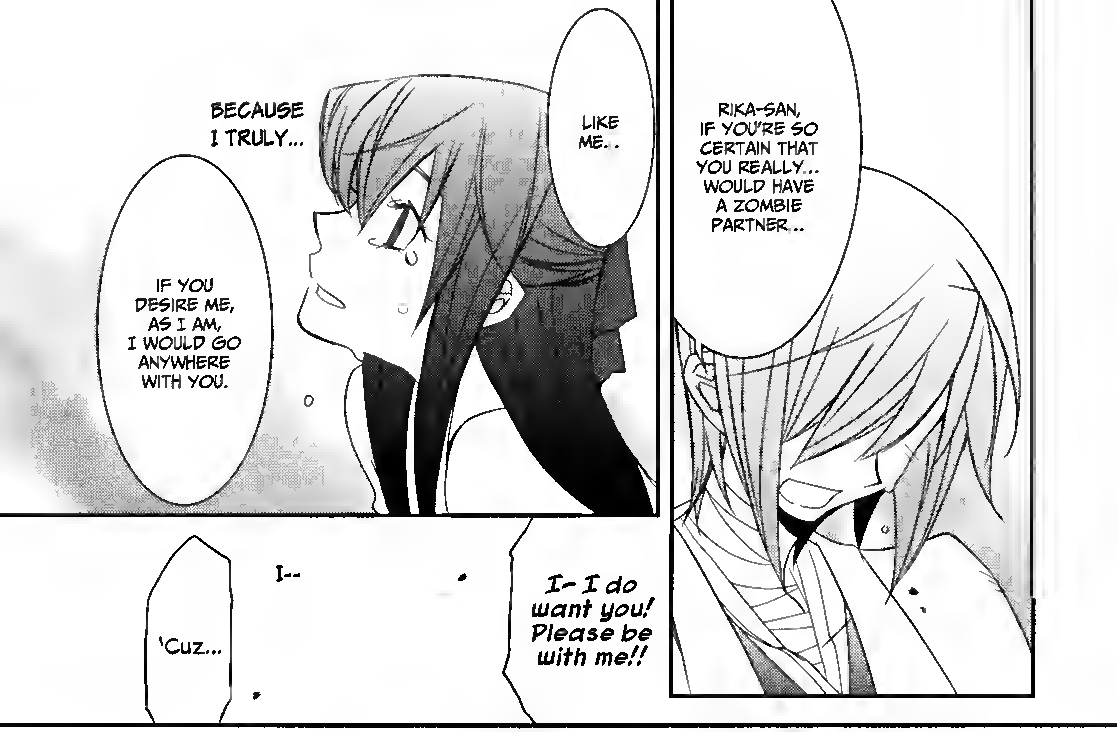
COMPLETE REVERSAL
AAH, THANK GOOD-NESS.
RIKA-SAN, YOU'RE NOT HURT ANYWHERE, ARE YOU?
I- I.. TODAY AT SCHOOL ..I SAID ..I HATED YOU, SENSEI.
YOU THINK I CARE ABOUT THAT KIND OF THING...
UM... WHAT'S WRONG?!
ARE YOU INJURED? HAS YOUR CONDITION GOTTEN BAD AGAIN?!
I KNOW YOU'RE A ZOMBIE .. SO I AVOIDED YOU.
I WAS TRYING TO FORGET ABOUT YOU,
BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS SO KIND...

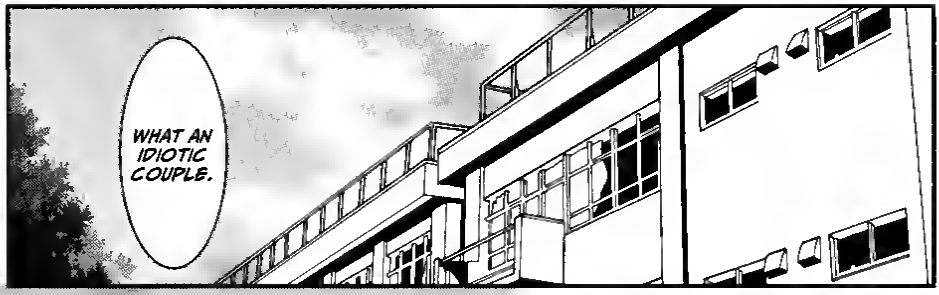
AND THEN... YOU JUST SAID I WAS SOMEONE DE- DE- DEAR...
OH, NO... HA HA...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN RUNNING FROM MY OWN FEELINGS.
...
SINCE IT'S CERTAIN I'D BE SEPARATED FROM THE PERSON IMPORTANT TO ME, I WAS SAD AND SCARED..
BUT I UNDERSTAND NOW. I CAN'T RUN AWAY AND ERASE MY FEELINGS
BUT... MAYBE IF.
IF YOU CONSIDER ME, AS I AM, SOMEONE DEAR, WOULD YOU...
I DON'T WANT TO REGRET THIS LIKE I DID IN MY CHILDHOOD...
WOULD YOU--
You certainly did a good job of finding them
Anyone could pick out that loud voice

...EXCUSE ME?
GO TO THE NORTH POLE WITH ME?
UH... WHA? THE NORTH POLE?
IF THE NORTH POLE'S NO GOOD, HOW ABOUT SIBERIA? OR THE SOUTH POLE'S FINE TOO!
The South Pole?!
EH?
PEN-GUINS?!
THERE'S SEALS...POLAR BEARS...AND PEN-PENGUINS WE CAN EAT!
We can stuff ourselves!
Meat is a staple for zombies
THAT'S... UH..
I'M OK WITH THE COLD! I'LL TRAIN SO IT WON'T BOTHER ME, AND I'LL BE FINE!!
ER UMM... RIKA-SAN?!
IT'S A COLD PLACE, BUT YOUR BODY DOESN'T FEEL PAIN, AND THERE'S NO ZOMBIE AUTHORITY THERE!

THIS IS...
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE RIGHT AWAY. I'LL SAVE UP MORE MONEY.
THE TRUTH IS..
BY THE TIME I GRADUATE, I'LL DEFINITELY HAVE EVERY ARRANGEMENT PREPARED--
The one who said it.
SUGAR-COATING?
SAYING THAT WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS BEING ABLE TO MEET AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER IS JUST SUGAR-COATING THE SITUATION.
I CAN-NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THAT! SO--
The one who came to say it.
THIS KIND OF DREAMER'S STORY WILL NEVER COME TRUE...
I'LL JUST BE LAUGHED AT... I'VE KNOWN THIS SINCE CHILDHOOD.
BUT... BUT EVEN SO, I...
IS HE IN SHOCK?
HE REALLY IS LAUGHING?!
HA... HA HA


RIKA-SAN, IF YOU'RE SO CERTAIN THAT YOU REALLY... WOULD HAVE A ZOMBIE PARTNER...
LIKE ME..
BECAUSE I TRULY...
IF YOU DESIRE ME, AS I AM, I WOULD GO ANYWHERE WITH YOU.
I--
'Cuz...
I- I do want you! Please be with me!!

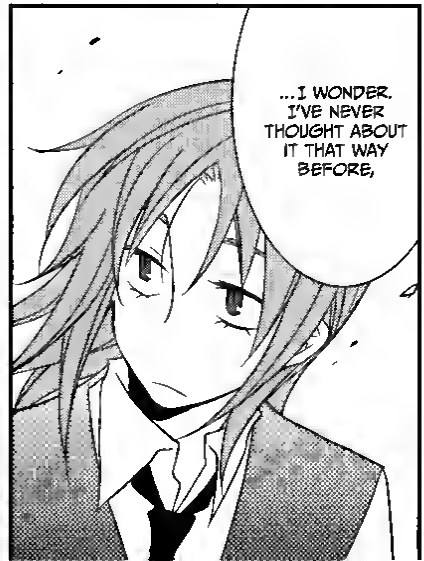
I love you,
Kanewo!


WHAT AN IDIOTIC COUPLE.

SAKURAI-SENSEI, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD DO SOMETHING THAT STUPID?

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A WOMAN PROPOSE BEFORE EVEN MAKING A CONFESSION OF LOVE.
Pretty sappy, don't you think?
HA HA HA--

BUT I GUESS IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THINGS TO TURN OUT THAT WAY.


...I WONDER. I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT WAY BEFORE.

WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S HOW IT IS. I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH IT.
OH WELL.
WHAT A SENTI-MENTAL TEACHER..
...
WELL, I DON'T EVEN HAVE SOMEONE TO DO IT WITH..
SINCE RIKA'S FINALLY SHOWING THAT SMILE!

Ri-Rika-san
WHH...
She really is an idiot
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Like English
YOUR OVERSEAS ESCAPE PLAN IS FINE. BUT RIKA, WOULD YOU PLEASE STUDY A LITTLE MORE?

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